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RETIRED SERVICEMAN'S FAMILY PROTECTION PLAN

Public Law 90-485 was signed by President Johnson on 13 August 1968. Certain changes were made in what was formerly known as the "Contingency Option Plan" to provide greater benefits to the military retiree and his dependents. The Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP) offers a means of assuring added income for his widow and/or dependent children if he dies in retirement by his accepting a voluntary reduction in retired pay. This plan is supplemental to any personal insurance program in which the member is enrolled.

To be eligible to participate in RSFPP, a Reservist must have dependents at the time of his retirement and must have signed up for coverage before his 58th birthday or in any event not less than two years prior to being entitled to retired pay.

Of the changes listed below, Change 6 is a major change. It authorizes all inactive duty Reservists qualifying for retirement under Title 10 U.S. Code Sections 1331-1337 to now be retired on the day of their 60th birthday (or on whatever day thereafter they do qualify) rather than on the first day of the month following completion of eligibility.

Here is a summary of the changes incorporated in the revised Plan — including those proposed in the original House bill and others later added in the Senate upon Department of Defense recommendation. The changes either

make it easier to (a) elect participation in the Plan, (b) modify the terms of participation, or (c) withdraw from the Plan altogether.

(1) Restoration of a member's full retired pay (withdrawal from the Plan) will be permitted when the member no longer has an eligible beneficiary.

(2) For those participants who may still have eligible beneficiaries, but feel they cannot afford continued participation in the Plan, withdrawal from the program will be permitted upon application, and after a six-month waiting period. (A current requirement to provide proof of severe financial hardship is eliminated.)

(3) Timely changes or cancelling of options chosen will be permitted when a major change in dependency status occurs due to death, divorce, annulment, remarriage or acquisition of a child.

A participant will be permitted to make reductions and changes to the protection originally elected, when retirement needs change.

Members who retire in the future will be permitted to reduce their payments to children 18-23 years of age. Under this provision, when a member elects the family option and his wife dies, protection for eligible children continues at no additional reduction of the member's retired pay.

(4) The present 12-month waiting period required before a member's application to withdraw from an annuity program can become effective is reduced to six months.

(5) Beneficiaries pursuing postgraduate studies will be permitted to continue receiving RSFPP benefits to age 23. At present, 18 is the cut-off age for

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First District Wins Waesche Award

The First Coast Guard District has won the Admiral Russell R. Waesche Award for fiscal year 1968. Runner-up for the award was the Eighth Coast Guard District, the winner of the honor during fiscal years 1966 and 1967. The award is given annually to the district achieving the most outstanding accomplishments in the Reserve program during the past fiscal year. The award was presented by Captain Joseph V. Wielert, USCGR, a representative of the sponsor, during the District Commanders Alumni Luncheon of the Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association in Washington, D.C.

The Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the Reserve Officers Association, sponsor of the award, has presented a bronze plaque bearing a likeness of the Coast Guard's wartime Commandant, Admiral Russell R. Waesche. This plaque is mounted in the foyer of Coast Guard Headquarters, and each year the name of the winning district is affixed to it.

The board to select the recipient of the award met at Coast Guard Headquarters on 4 September 1968. In making its decision, the board was guided by statistical information provided by the districts and the Office of Reserve relative to the following criteria: drill attendance, reenlistments, correspondence courses, and Servicewide examinations.

OFF-SEASON ACDUTRA CONDUCTED

Three new courses will be among the 1968-69 off-season Phase I ACDUTRA courses conducted at the USCG Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Va. The Port Security Officer—Basic course will provide a working knowledge of the Coast Guard Port Security Program to officers assigned to Port Security units and who are not qualified for the 95 (Port Security) designator. Any Reserve officer assigned to a vessel augmentation unit who does not have 11 designator is eligible to attend the new Deck Officer—Basic course which stresses responsibility areas such as deck, gunnery, communications, and CIC. Completion of this course, coupled with completion of appropriate correspondence courses and Reserve cruises should prepare the officer for the 11 designator. The enlisted Port Securityman ACDUTRA curricula is divided into basic and an advanced courses, and supersedes the Dangerous Cargoman and portions of the Firefighter courses. The basic course is designed for non-petty officers while the advanced course is for petty officers only.

The remainder of the 1968-69 off-season ACDUTRA schedule at Reserve Training Center, Yorktown is as follows:

Officer Courses:

Deck Officer—Basic	17 Nov.
Training Officer	23 Feb.
Port Security Officer—Basic	6 April

Enlisted Courses:

Boatswain's Mate—Basic	24 Nov., 19 Jan., 9 March
Boatswain's Mate—Advanced	2 Feb.
Engineman—Basic	29 Sept., 4 May
Firefighting	10 Nov., 5 Jan., 23 Feb.
Port Securityman—Basic	10 Nov., 23 Feb., 20 April
Port Securityman—Advanced	5 Jan.
Leadership	20 April
Instructor Training	5 Jan., 30 March



In keeping with the policy to recruit and reenlist qualified senior petty officers and chiefs, LCDR N. E. HANSEN (left), commanding officer of ORTUAG 08-83558, New Orleans, La., had the pleasure of enlisting (left to right): Chief Machinist's Mate C. A. TRAHAN, Radarman first class A. F. DEVILLIER, and Boatswain's Mate first class, W. A. BOUDREAUX. Chief TRAHAN was a former Navy machinist's mate who has continued in a similar field in civilian life. Petty Officer DEVILLIER is a former Coastguardsman who had been out of the Service for eight years. Petty Officer BOUDREAUX was reenlisted and is one of thirteen in the unit to be advanced to First Class Petty Officer.

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payments to child beneficiaries who are fulltime students.

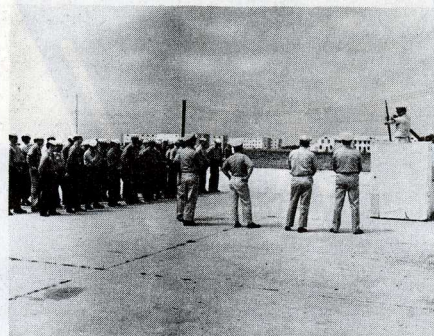
(6) Retirement pay for a Reserve member will be provided on the date of his 60th birthday.

(7) Abuses resulting from so-called "death-bed retirements" will be effectively eliminated by barring survivor benefits under the Plan for a member who retires for, and dies — within 30 days subsequent to retirement — of a 100% Service-connected disability, except where the disability was the direct result of armed conflict.

(8) A savings clause precludes inadvertent changes in the status of entitlements of children incapable of self-support (due to mental or physical incapacity) which could possibly occur through the operation of the revised Plan.

(9) Another clause provides that, up to the first day of the 13th month after the date of the bill's enactment, a not-yet-retired member may submit a written application requesting the effective date of his RSFPP election be determined under the law applicable prior to the enactment date.

ORTUAG 03-83244 Begins A Special Firing Range Training Program



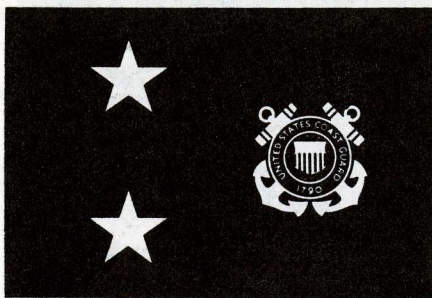
Recently 40 Reservists from ORTUAG 03-83244 departed from their normal training facility at the U. S. Navy Yard in Philadelphia for a special weekend training drill at the USCG Training Center, Cape May, New Jersey.

For the entire weekend the Reservists were quartered at Cape May and trained in the use of the M-1 rifle and the 45 caliber pistol by instructors from the regular party assigned to recruit training. This represented the first time that this type of intensive firing range training had been made available to a local Reserve unit.

LCDR Ned K. KULP, USCGR, Commanding Officer of ORTUAG 03-83244, characterized the cooperation and encouragement which was received from CAPT R. M. WEST, Commanding Officer of the Cape May Training Center, and LCDR S. W. GELETKA, the Training Officer at Cape May, as "particularly gratifying."

Many individuals labored extra hours in order to insure that this first effort would be a success. The U. S. Navy assisted by supplying a bus for the Reservists' transportation. The range instructors and other personnel at Cape May gave up a summer weekend in order to offer the Reservists the finest possible training experience. The Reserve contingent was under the command of LT William LEATHERBEE, USCGR, and the responsibility for coordinating the entire effort was vested with LT Frank GAUVRY, USCGR, who in civilian life is the Mayor of Cape May.

The Philadelphia Coast Guard Reserve unit is already planning and acting upon additional special training programs because the Cape May experience has demonstrated that classroom and correspondence course training must be augmented by this type of experience.



THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER

Under guidelines set forth in COMMANDANT NOTICE 1301 of 20 September 1968, the Commandant has established new criteria to be utilized by FY 1969 inactive duty Reserve officer continuation boards. These new criteria follow, in general, recommendations submitted to the Commandant by a board convened in April 1968 to study the promotion/retention problems of the Reserve.

For FY 1969 continuation boards, the names of all inactive duty Reserve Captains, Commanders, and Lieutenant Commanders assigned in an active status and not on a list of selectees for promotion to a higher grade will be considered for retention. These boards will recommend for retention 60% of the Captains, 80% of the Commanders, and 90% of the Lieutenant Commanders considered. Any officer not recommended for retention who does not have six months in grade will not be removed from an active status until he has completed such service. Those Reserve officers having 18, but less than 19, years of satisfactory Federal service who are not recommended for retention will be permitted to remain in an active status, under the provisions of Section 1006 of Title 10, U. S. Code, until they complete 20 years of satisfactory Federal service or three years from the date of approval of the board, whichever occurs first. Under the same provisions of law, Reserve officers having 19, but less than 20, years of satisfactory Federal service who are not recommended for retention will be permitted to remain in an active status until they complete 20 years of satisfactory Federal service or two years from the date of approval of the board, whichever occurs first.

Continuation boards for Reserve officers in the grades of Captain and Commander have been scheduled to convene on 4 November 1968. The Lieutenant Commander continuation board

will be held on or after 20 January 1968.

This action will provide vacancies for approximately 30 Captains, 95 Commanders and 195 Lieutenant Commanders. It falls far short of holding our own with the annual incremental increases of the "hump."

The legislation which the Commandant proposed last winter in the Omnibus Bill did not get before the 90th Congress. It is proposed to remove those parts to which objection was taken and to submit it to the Congress early in the 91st Session.

JOHN D. McCUBBIN

New Manual for Courts Martial

On 11 September 1968, President Johnson signed Executive Order 11430 authorizing the use of the new *MANUAL FOR COURTS MARTIAL, UNITED STATES 1969* on and after 1 January 1969. It has been published in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*, Volume 33, Number 180, Part II, Sections 1 and 2, on Saturday, September 14, 1968, and it is expected that it will be published at a later date in loose-leaf form. However, those Reserve officers and enlisted personnel desiring to obtain a copy of Executive Order 11430 in the *FEDERAL REGISTER* for their personal use and at a cost of 75¢ may do so by ordering it from: SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., 20401.

RESERVISTS ASSIST COTP, TAMPA

During the period 1000 6 July 1968 to 1700 7 July 1968, CDR R. L. MADSON, USCG, Captain of the Port, Tampa, Florida placed his port area under surveillance against any unusual acts or occurrences. To augment COTP Tampa forces in this task, CDR H. J. DeFELIX, USCGR, was requested to assist with the Coast Guard Reserve forces at his disposal which were training on board the USCGC COURIER. The reaction to the request for surveillance was immediate, and shoreside and waterside surveillance of the Tampa port was quickly realized.

CDR MADSON felt the ready response of the Coast Guard Reserve units involved was in the highest tradition of the Service and that the presence of the Coast Guard on the waterfront during the period mentioned above acted as a deterrent to any party or group that may have been in the area.

The following Reserve units were involved:

ORTUPS 07-82503, Tampa, Fla.

CO: LCDR J. G. VICTOR

ORTUPS 07-82500, Tallahassee, Fla.

CO: LCDR P. W. SPENCER

ORTUPS 07-82491, San Juan, Puerto Rico

CO: LT F. F. BALLOU

Old Shipmates Meet After 25 Years



CWO4 Darrel B. SINIFT, USCG (left) and CWO3 Calvin P. ELLIS, USCGR, display a picture of the old CGC 270 (later renumbered CG-74342), the Everett, Washington "six-bitter." The two young seamen reported aboard on 13 December 1941 and served together during the early days of World War II, patrolling the "Strait of Juan De Fuca," out of Port Angeles, Washington.

Mr. ELLIS departed the CGC 270 in February 1943 and was discharged from active duty in 1946. He joined the USCGR during the Korean War and is attached to ORTUPS 13-82912 (Unit II), Seattle, Washington. Mr. SINIFT has remained on continuous active service and is now the authorized certifying officer at the U. S. Coast Guard Training and Supply Center, Alameda, California.

The two friends met again after 25 years, when Mr. ELLIS performed his 13 days ACDUTRA at the Western Districts Reserve Training School, attending the Dangerous Cargo Class from 21 July to 2 August 1968.

Changes of Address Must Be Sent to the Command Holding Your Official Records

Whenever you move or change your mailing address, you are required to notify the holder of your official Coast Guard records of your new address.

Report address changes as follows:

- (a) If affiliated with a unit, send your change of address to (1) district commander holding your records via (2) the commanding officer of your unit.
- (b) If not a member of a unit, send your change of address to the district commander holding your records.

A temporary change of residence does not require a transfer of records. However, if you have a temporary residence but mail cannot be delivered promptly, you should notify the holder of your records of your address at the beginning and end of your temporary residence.

Notification should be made through the use of a United States Post Office change of address packet.

UNIFORM MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Who is entitled to receive an officer uniform maintenance allowance? Many requests are submitted to Coast Guard Headquarters by Reservists who are not eligible for this allowance. Entitlement to the officer uniform maintenance allowance accrues upon completion of each four-year period of satisfactory service in the Coast Guard Reserve, to include at least 28 days of active duty or active duty for training during each four-year period. At least 35 of the 50 points required for each year

of satisfactory service must be earned while actually performing duty requiring the wearing of the uniform. Only drills attended, periods of appropriate duty, and/or equivalent duty or instruction in which the orders clearly state that the wearing of the uniform is required will be certified by the Commandant as meeting the requirements for entitlement to the officer uniform maintenance allowance.

When a Reserve officer meets the requirements for entitlement to a uniform maintenance allowance, a claim for the allowance may be submitted to Commandant (FP), via Commandant (RA). (Examples of determination of entitlement and claims for this allowance are in Section 12-16-0 of CG-296.)

RESERVISTS DONATE BLOOD

Recently, Coast Guard Reserve personnel on Phase III training at Coast Guard Base, Terminal Island, Long Beach, California, were notified that whole blood was needed in an effort to save the life of a 3-year-old child suffering from leukemia. The reaction was spontaneous. Of the many men who volunteered, one officer and 17 enlisted men were accepted:

LCDR E. J. NORTHUP, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747
PS3 G. H. BARBEE, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747
FA G. B. BOWER, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747
SN B. W. BRADLEY, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747
SN E. F. CONN, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747
PS3CF W. C. DAVIES, ORTUPS 11-82703
BM2 S. L. HAHN, Jr., ORTUPS 11-82727
SN J. S. JACOBSON, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747
PS3CF C. C. LEITCH, ORTUPS 11-82703
SN A. LUBIN, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747
SN L. A. MONTTOYA, ORTUPS 11-82703
PS3 B. E. NORLIN, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747
SA J. M. PAPADAKIS, ORTUPS(O) 11-82747

Enough blood was donated to fulfill the child's transfusion needs for a number of months. Four days later the parents of the ailing child conveyed their sincere gratitude to the Coast Guard, and revealed that their child had rallied and shown marked improvement in her condition.



U. S. Coast Guard Reserve Rear Admiral M. Wayne STOFFLE presents the "Outstanding Enlisted Reserve" award to Boatswain's Mate Second Class D. A. KENT of Mobile, Alabama. The award was presented at the conclusion of two weeks' active duty for training at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Detachment at Corpus Christi, Texas. Petty Officer KENT was selected for the honor by the vote of officers and enlisted men also serving their two weeks active duty for training.

COAST GUARD ACADEMY REQUEST

With the aim of representing the Coast Guard in its entirety, the Coast Guard Academy has been working for the past two years to develop a Coast Guard Museum at the Academy. Any materials of historical significance or information on such material relating to the Coast Guard, the Revenue Cutter Service, the Life Saving Service, and the Light House Establishment which Coast Guard Reservists may have, would be welcomed. For further information write to Mr. Paul H. Johnson, Librarian/Curator, U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. 06320.

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